

CLOSE TO THE CZAR.



Count de Cassini, now ambassador to the United States and mentioned as the possible successor of Count Muraviev, late foreign minister of Russia, is one of the two great Russians now in the public eye. The other is the Grand Duke Alexis, the highest ranking military officer of any nation now represented in the far east. Count de Cassini is at Washington and the grand duke at Peking or trying to get there. Both are warm friends of the United States. The grand duke, brother of the czar, is high admiral of the Russian fleet in the Yellow Sea or at Port Arthur.

Alexis was loafing one day at Kiel, where the United States steamship Columbia rode the waters. Turning to an American captain he said: "I'm glad you Americans are rebuilding your fleet. Twice in my career I have heard the project of capturing one or two of your great cities and holding them for ransom deliberately discussed by officers of European fleets whose coun-

tries had hard work to make ends meet. I once made a sensation when, after listening to a conversation of this kind, in which the officers of four different fleets took part. I said, 'Gentlemen, the United States and Russia are friends. Should she be unjustly attacked Russia would help to see that the wrong be righted.' Ah, I can't tell you where or who it was. Come over to the Kurik (the Russian flagship), and have a glass of wine." Alexis is the head of all the navy of Russia, a brave and intelligent man.

The family of the Count de Cassini were for more than 174 years the directors of the great observatory of Paris. His immediate family settled in Russia in the early part of this century. The members of it were scientific, and the present count is the first of his line to take to politics and diplomacy rather than the profession of his ancestors. At the same time few men in secular life in Europe can boast his attainments in the way of

scientific and classic knowledge. His diplomatic work for Russia in the Orient ranks with that of the best talent in the world. He was the czar's representative in the complications which followed the Japanese-Chinese war, and it was he who secured all the important concessions to Russia recently granted by the Chinese emperor and the empress dowager.

His reward for these distinguished services was the embassy to Washington, now considered one of the highest diplomatic stations by the governments of Europe. Count de Cassini speaks seven languages fluently, including a few Oriental tongues, and is a master now of English, which he did not readily speak when first arriving at Washington. He is a man of far more liberal views than the late Count Muraviev, and as foreign minister would be more satisfactory to England than the man who preceded him. Muraviev hated England and all English customs and England hated him.

To Save the Mind.

To preserve a sound mind in a sound body one must, says a doctor in the July century, observe the laws of health with regard to food, exercise, and sleep. Few become insane who, with sufficient mental occupation, daily take two or three hours of vigorous exercise in the open air, and do not protract exciting studies or business far into the night. "The observance of one day in seven by a complete change in subjects of thought, and the suspension of modes of activity required for six days, would be philosophical, even though it had no basis in religion." Other foes to sanity that the doctor mentions are anxiety, exaggerated sensitiveness, and the lack of occupation that great wealth makes possible. The best prescription for insomnia dates, he says, from the time of Solomon: "The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep." These are old truths that long ago men grappled to their souls with steel hooks, but the grappings have become weak and it is well to see to it that they are tightened.

Von Kettler's Marriage.

Baron von Ketteler, the German minister to Peking, news of whose murder by Boxers is confirmed, was the son-in-law of Henry B. Ledyard, president of the Michigan Central railroad. The marriage of the baron and Miss Maude Ledyard took place in Detroit, Feb. 24, 1897. The baron was promoted from the position of minister to Mexico to that of minister to China last fall. Before going to China the baron and baroness visited Detroit and spent several days with their friends.

The marriage of the baron and Miss Ledyard took place in St. Peter and Paul's church, Detroit. It was the greatest social event of the winter since the 1881 to Ledyard was a Protestant and the baron a Roman Catholic, a special dispensation had to be procured from Mgr. Martinelli. The civil marriage was performed first on the afternoon of Feb. 23, by Justice Merritt E. Shindel, at the Ledyard residence on Jefferson avenue. At the church service Bishop Foley, assisted by Very Reverend Father Schapman, S. J., and Rev. Father Joos, S. J., officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Amy McMillan, daughter of Senator McMillan, and the groom by Herr Adolf von Bruening, second secretary to the German legation at Washington. The baron and baroness left the same day for Mexico, where Baron von Ketteler was then minister.



Von Kettler.

The Newsboy.

The reservoir of the Grand Rapids water works gave way last week, letting loose about 100,000,000 gallons of water. The escaping torrent did damage to property to the amount of \$200,000, and would have cost many people their lives but for a quick-witted newsboy. He happened to notice early in the morning a small leak near the gatehouse, jumped at the conclusion that it meant mischief, and rushed off as rapidly as his legs could carry him to give the alarm. As a consequence of his promptness only one person was fatally injured. The men and women whose homes were in the track of the flood ought to see to it that that newsboy gets something more substantial than a vote of thanks.

Love at Sight.

Sir Claude Macdonald, whose position in China has brought him into the public eye, has a touch of the romantic in his make-up, which is shown in the way he chose his wife. The story goes that he one day saw through a window Miss Ethel Armstrong, a daughter of Major Cairns Armstrong, of the old Fifteenth Regiment. He did not know her, but he then and there resolved to marry her—which he did.

Tennis Champions.



MISS EDITH PARKER



MISS HALLIE CHAMPLIN

Miss Edith Parker and Miss Hallie Champlin of the Chicago Country Club, who won the national women's tennis championship in doubles at Philadelphia, are the first young women of the West to ever achieve that honor. Both are expert players, and in their matches at Philadelphia they gave a shock to the knowing ones, who expected Miss Wimers of Washington, and Miss McAteer of Pittsburg, to win, by defeating them in straight sets, running up a score of 9-7, 6-2, 6-2, taking the last set and match with ease. In every match throughout the tournament in doubles the Chicago girls won the matches easily. The only ones to take as much as a set were Miss Huniwell and Miss Shaw, the women experts of the Longwood Country Club of Boston, who managed to win in one set of the preliminary rounds.

Miss Champlin and Miss Parker have played much together, and in the western women's championship last year both took a high place in the matches, meeting defeat in the semifinal rounds by the team which finally won the championship.

In singles both have been well to the front in the matches, but their work this year has been largely in doubles, and their success is attributed to better team work, the result of good hard practice on the courts.

McAteer, who won the championship in singles and who won the western championship in singles last summer, is regarded as one of the fastest players on the courts. Mr. Gardner, the leader of the tennis contingent of the Kenwood club, regards her as the best woman player he ever saw, and predicts that she will win all the events this year.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Young West Pointer Fires Five Shots at His Sweetheart.

HARTINGTON DRUG STORE ROBBED

Farmer Near Humboldt Nearly Loses His Life in Attempting to Stop a Runaway Team of Mules Hitched to a Harvesting Machine.

Farmer Cut by Sickle.
HUMBOLDT, Neb., July 8.—Fred Swihart, a farmer living several miles northeast of town, had a narrow escape from death the other day. While working in the harvest field he attempted to assist in stopping a frightened team of mules attached to a binder and was thrown in front of the sickle. His right arm was caught and literally cut to pieces, the bone being cut through in two places above the elbow. He was dragged thirty feet before the team could be stopped. It is feared that he is also injured internally. Fortunately the sickle bar was broken or the result might have been more serious.

Jealousy Causes a Shooting.
WEST POINT, Neb., July 7.—Yesterday afternoon William Hart, a young man, a stranger, who has been working around the livery stables of this place for a few weeks, attempted to murder Christina Johnson, a young woman with whom he had been keeping company. He fired five shots from a revolver purchased a few minutes before the shooting, but failed to hit her. He was under the influence of liquor and it is supposed committed the assault through jealousy, she having repulsed him. He was immediately placed under arrest.

Robbers Visit Hartington.
HARTINGTON, Neb., July 7.—Last night during a performance at the opera house parties broke into Beste's drug store through the rear window and opened the cash register and slot machine. They succeeded in getting about \$12. There was \$50 in the snow case belonging to the Catholic church not found. About the same time parties broke into Postmaster Watson's home and relieved the hired girl of \$13 cash.

Ogallala Bank Incorporated.
OGALLALA, Neb., July 8.—The Exchange bank, which has been run during the past three years by J. W. Welpton as a private bank, is now incorporated under the Nebraska laws. The paid up capital has been increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The management of the bank will remain the same, under the control of J. W. Welpton, who retains 97 per cent of the capital stock, while H. Welpton owns the balance.

First Prisoner in Three Years.
OSCEOLA, Neb., July 9.—Frank Frude of Stromburg was brought before Judge Coleman here on the charge of illegal selling of liquor and was bound over to the next term of the district court. He is now in the city jail in charge of Sheriff Nuquist. This is the first prisoner the present sheriff has boarded, as there has been no one in the jail since the sheriff came into office three years ago.

Fair Grounds Are Sold.
WEST POINT, Neb., July 7.—The fair grounds in this city, lately the property of the Cuming County Agricultural society, were sold at sheriff's sale under a decree of foreclosure this week. The grounds, consisting of twenty-eight acres of choice lands, together with the spacious exhibition buildings thereon, were sold to a neighboring farmer for \$1,775.

Boy Falls on Picket Fence.
TECUMSEH, Neb., July 8.—Ben Karas, an Elm Creek lad, was walking on a picket fence Wednesday, when he fell on one of the pickets. An ugly wound was inflicted in his side which required half a dozen stitches to draw together. Fortunately the pickets did not enter a more vital portion of his anatomy than the flesh of his side.

Saloon Remonstrance Filed.
MEAD, Neb., July 7.—At the board meeting held last night to grant saloon license a remonstrance was filed and the hearing set for Tuesday. This is the second application of H. H. Reed, the first one having been decided against him by the district court.

Recovers From Long Fall.
HARTINGTON, Neb., July 7.—Prof. Winteringer, the balloonist who fell 100 feet from his balloon at Lyons on the Fourth, was brought here today and is able to walk.

West Point School Census.
WEST POINT, Neb., July 7.—The school census of this place has just been taken and shows a total of 769 children of school age in the city, 381 of whom are males and 388 females.

Hamilton Given Five Years.
WAHOO, Neb., July 4.—Judge Good yesterday sentenced Hamilton, the man found guilty of complicity in robbing Joseph & Graf's store, to five years in the penitentiary. Court adjourned until July 12, when Harris, the other arrest in this case, will be tried.

Klondikers Return Home.
HUMBOLDT, Neb., July 7.—Henry Bracelen and Rollin Wright, who have been spending the last year in the Klondike, arrived home last night unexpectedly and will remain for some time with relatives. They report the Humboldt parties, a company of whom are operating an extensive claim in that country, as doing nicely and reaping a good harvest. These two young men do not contemplate returning. William O'Keefe, another gold seeker from here, who has been home visiting his parents for a month, left last night to resume operations in the famous gold fields.

GETS CAUGHT IN FROG.

Accident to Switchman at Grand Island Results in Death.
GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 6.—While switching in the Union Pacific yards George Ketcham was run over and almost instantly killed, living but five minutes after the accident. A car had just been loaded at the freight depot and was being taken on another track. Upon arriving at the switch a coupling had to be arranged. Ketcham stepped in in an unusual way, his face toward the coming car and engine. The coupling was made just where there was a frog in the tracks. He happened to step into the same, only about an inch where the rails join. The oncoming car made him move back, his foot was tight and when the car struck the foot it whirled him about, running down the left side of the entire body. The accident was at once known by the other members of the crew, one of whom was a brother of the unfortunate man. He was picked up and was being taken to the office of the yard master, a few hundred feet west, dying on the way. The company surgeon was immediately called but by the time he arrived Ketcham was dead.

Ketcham was a young man, about twenty years. His father, George Ketcham, was killed on the road several years ago. He was a conductor. While his freight train was pulling out of Shelton one night and he was attempting to board the caboose, he slipped and was badly injured. He was taken to the hospital at Omaha and lived some days but all efforts to tide him over the results of the accident were fruitless. Young Ketcham leaves a widowed mother and four brothers, one of whom is also a switchman, and was at the brother's side two minutes after the accident last night.

FLOATER FOUND IN RIVER.

Body of Laboring Man Fished Out Near Plattsmouth
PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., July 4.—Jack Elliott saw a floater going down the river this forenoon and when a short distance below the Burlington bridge he caught and towed it to shore. He was about 40 years of age, five feet eight inches, sandy mustache, stubby chin whiskers and black hair. He wore checkered overalls, light colored striped shirt and No. 7 shoes. In the pockets were found a blue cotton handkerchief, a silver dollar and a nickel, safety pin, two padlocks, a heelplate and a collar button. He was evidently a laboring man. The body had not been in the water long and was not badly decomposed.

Sentence Boy to Reformatory

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., July 4.—Charles Frish, a boy fifteen years of age, was given a hearing before County Judge J. E. Douglas on the charge of incorrigibility. His mother filed the complaint, asking for him sent to the reform school, as all efforts to keep him at home had proven fruitless and when she had found a place for him to work he would run away. He could not resist his inclination to place obstructions on the railroad tracks. On the strength of the evidence the court decided that the best place for the boy was in the state reformatory, where he could be properly looked after and kept out of mischief and he was accordingly sentenced to that institution.

Injured by Cannon Cracker

DAVID CITY, Neb., July 4.—Conrad Lauskie, an old soldier, was celebrating the Fourth of July in advance yesterday evening. He was giving the boys a lesson in discharging fireworks and he had a large cannon cracker in his hands while it exploded. His right hand was almost torn to pieces and his right leg was badly bruised. He is in a critical condition and fears of blood poisoning are entertained by his comrades.

Skull Crushed by a Fall.

STERLING, Neb., July 3.—Eugene Schneider, a carpenter, who has the contract for building the German Lutheran church three miles west of town, fell from the scaffolding this morning striking his head on a rock. His skull was crushed and his body badly bruised. It is thought that it will not prove fatal although he had a very close call from being killed.

Bridge Collapses With Teams

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., July 4.—By the collapse of a bridge here yesterday two men, a team and ice wagon were precipitated to the bottom of Table creek, a distance of twenty feet. The men were severely bruised and it is believed were injured internally.

Will Fire Captured Cannon

GENEVA, Neb., July 4.—Today at 2 p. m. will be fired a number of salutes from the old Philippine cannon captured by Company G and brought home. It is estimated that the largest crowd ever seen in Geneva will be present.

Scarlet Fever at David City

DAVID CITY, Neb., July 4.—A well-developed case of scarlet fever at the residence of J. F. Albin was reported yesterday evening by the attending physician.

School Census at Beatrice

BEATRICE, Neb., July 5.—The school census for Beatrice, which is just completed, shows 2,972 of school age within the city. This is an excess of 105 over last year.

Rids Farm of Chicken Lice

SEWARD, Neb., July 5.—Yesterday morning about 10:30 Jacob Westterhoff built a fire in his chicken house in order to smoke out lice and then went down town. The fire soon had the chicken house in ashes and then caught the barn, which was entirely destroyed before the fire department arrived. A daughter of Mr. Westterhoff was quite badly burned in getting their horse out of the barn and Mrs. J. C. Morgan was so badly frightened that it was necessary to call a doctor.

BRYAN AND STEVENSON

Democrats Again Place the Nebraskan at Their Ticket's Head.

VITAL POINTS OF THE PLATFORM

Sixteen to One is Given Due Emphasis—Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, is Nominated for Vice-President by Acclamation.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 5.—William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska was tonight unanimously placed in nomination as the democratic candidate for president of the United States on a platform opposing imperialism, militarism and trusts and specifically declaring for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

The nomination came as the culmination of a frenzied demonstration in honor of the party leader, lasting twenty-seven minutes and giving utterance to all the pent-up emotions of the vast multitude.

It was late this afternoon when the convention was at last face to face with the presidential nomination. Early in the day there had been tedious delays to reconcile their differences and present a report. Until this was ready, the convention managers beguiled the time by putting forward speakers of more or less prominence to keep the vast audience from becoming too restless.

The first session, beginning at 10 this morning, was entirely fruitless of results, and it was not until late in the afternoon, when the second session had begun that the platform committee was able to report an agreement. Already its main features, embodying the 16 to 1 principle, had become known to the delegates and there was little delay in giving its unanimous approval. This removed the last chance for an open rupture on questions of principle and left the way clear to the supreme event of the day—the nomination of the presidential candidate.

The vast auditorium was filled to its utmost capacity when the moment arrived for the nomination to be made.

When the call of states began for the purpose of placing candidates in nomination, Alabama, yielded its place at the head of the list to Nebraska and Oldham of that state made his way to the platform for the final speech placing Mr. Bryan's name in nomination for the presidency.

The orator was strong voiced and entertaining, yet to the waiting delegates and spectators there was but one point to his speech, and that was the glowing peroration which closed with the name of Williams Jennings Bryan.

This was the signal for the demonstration of the day and in a common purpose the great concourse joined in a tribute of devotion to the party leader.

Nominate Vice-President.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 6.—The democratic national ticket was completed today by the nomination of Adlai E. Stevenson for vice president. The nomination was made on the first ballot, state after state joining in the wild scramble to record their support of the winning candidate.

The platform adopted says in part: The democratic platform reaffirms faith in the Declaration of Independence and allegiance to the constitution of the United States framed in harmony therewith.

It denounces the Porto Rican tariff law as a bold and open violation of the organic law.

It demands that the promise of independence made by the United States to Cuba shall be speedily fulfilled.

It demands that a promise shall be made to the Philippines that the islands shall also be independent and that they shall be protected from outside interference. The present war in the Philippines is branded as a war of criminal aggression.

The platform does not oppose expansion when it takes in desirable territory, that of the American union, but it declares that the question of imperialism has reference to the very existence of the republic.

The Chicago platform is reaffirmed and special reiteration made of the principle of the free coinage of gold and silver at the historic ratio of 16 to 1.

The people are warned against militarism.

Private monopolies are declared to be indefensible and intolerable.

The public control of trusts; the retirement of bank notes; election of senators by vote of the people; establishment of a government department of labor; liberal pensions; control of the Nicaragua canal by America, and statehood of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma are advocated.

The Hay-Pauncefote treaty is condemned and cordial sympathy for the Boers expressed.

On imperialism and militarism the platform says in part: "We condemn and denounce the Philippine policy of the present administration. It has embroiled the nation in an unnecessary war, sacrificed the lives of many of its noblest sons and placed the United States, previously known and applauded throughout the world as the champion of freedom, in the false and un-American position of crushing with military force the efforts of our former allies to achieve liberty and self-government."

"The declaration of the republican platform adopted at the Philadelphia convention held in June, 1893, that the republican party steadfastly adheres to the policy announced in the Monroe doctrine, is manifestly insincere and deceptive. This profession is contradicted by the avowed policy of that party in opposition to the spirit of the Monroe doctrine, to acquire and hold sovereignty over large areas of territory and large numbers of people in the eastern hemisphere."

"We oppose militarism. It means conquest abroad and intimidation and oppression at home. It means the strong arm which has ever been fatal to free institutions."

Blame the Police.
ST. LOUIS, July 7.—The June grand jury in the final report today fastened much of the responsibility for the disturbances which marked the recent street railway strike on the police. The report denounces the police law as passed by the last legislature and says that it makes possible for the president of the board to step in and assume full authority over the chief of police. The jurors declare that the law should make it compulsory for the mayor to be a member of the board and to attend the meetings.